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Honorable John M. Leddy  
Assistant Secretary for  
International Affairs  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Leddy:

In response to your letter of 7 April 1961 requesting information this Agency may obtain about gold held by U. S. citizens abroad or by aliens resident in the United States, we are prepared to cooperate as much as possible.

As you may be aware, the Central Intelligence Agency has no internal security functions and collects information on U.S. citizens abroad only where there is possible involvement in sabotage, espionage, or subversion.

Should we acquire information bearing on your request incident to the performance of our permitted functions, we shall be glad to make it available to the Department of the Treasury.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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20 April 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT: Request from Department of the Treasury

1. This memorandum transmits a letter for the signature of the Director.

2. On 7 April 1961 Mr. John M. Leddy, then Acting Secretary of the Treasury, asked CIA and other Federal agencies for assistance in the Treasury's enforcement of Executive Order No. 6260, as amended 14 January 1961. Mr. Leddy's letter is attached as Tab A.

3. The answer proposed for the DCI's signature follows a line of response approved by DDP/[ ] As Mr. Leddy's letter concerns action to be taken abroad regarding U.S. citizens, a copy of the current Agency guidance on this matter is attached as Tab B.

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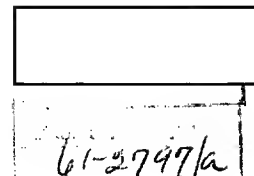
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James Angleton  
Chief, Counter Intelligence Staff

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Attachments: a/s

cc: DDCI

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*4/22/61*



Honorable John M. Leddy  
Assistant Secretary for International  
Affairs  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Leddy:

Your letter of 7 April 1961, regarding the President's amendment of Executive Order No. 6260 and containing your request that the Central Intelligence Agency collect and disseminate to the Department of the Treasury information about gold held abroad by U.S. citizens and by resident U.S. aliens, has been considered attentively with a view to providing all possible assistance.

As you know, the Central Intelligence Agency, by law, has no police or law-enforcement powers. In accordance with National Security Council Intelligence Directives, my predecessors and I have made provision for the collection of information on U.S. citizens abroad only when they are known or believed to be engaged in activities directly related to espionage, counter-intelligence, sabotage, or subversion.

Therefore, in the course of its operations, and particularly from its liaisons with foreign intelligence and security services, CIA can acquire information pertinent to your purposes. In general, however, such information is likely to concern movements of gold and the activities of personalities, including Americans, in support of clandestine activities of the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

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It has been our practice to make this kind of information appropriately available to other members of the U.S. intelligence community. In response to your request, I am also directing that all such information be sent promptly and specifically to the Department of the Treasury. In addition, I am directing my representatives abroad to ensure that any information acquired by them in the course of carrying out their assigned duties and bearing upon your request is forwarded expeditiously to CIA headquarters here.

Please be assured of my desire to provide you with all possible assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

cc: DDCI *APC 4/22/61*

Signature Recommended:

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[Redacted Signature]

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Deputy Director (Plans) *mt*

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Chief, Counter Intelligence Staff

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